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Attached is a rough sketch showing the present confines of Königsbrück Training Area and installations, etc., within the area. Further details are given below.

In the woods between Krakau (A-21) - Tauscha (A-21) - Litzschen (A-11) - Liepa (A-11) 800 hutments to accommodate ~~EM~~ and stores have recently been erected. All of them are now full and further building is underway. The hutments are excellently camouflaged to match the countryside.

Four large underground gasoline tanks, each with a capacity of 100,000 hectoliters (sic) are located at Neukirch (A-31), while two others, apparently larger, are situated at Zochau (A-22) and Ponickau (A-22).

4. General supply and gasoline dumps are located at Schönbach (A-32) and Gottschdorf (A-31) where there is also an especially strictly guarded fenced-in area. Schwepnitz (A-32) is the center of this "secret" area and live firing practice takes place there without warning.
5. The Russians are building a water main (Wasserleitung) from Königsbrück to Zeisholz (A-22).
6. Access to the entire training area is strictly prohibited and tank exercises take place almost daily. Firing practice is also continuous. Movements of tanks are restricted to the hours of darkness. They are always routed via Kamenz (A-41) where 150 - 200 tanks, mainly T-34s, are permanently stationed in the local barracks.
7. A rough estimate of the strength of Soviet formations at present occupying Königsbrück Training Area is as follows:

4 - 5 Rifle Divisions (sic)
6 - 8 Tank Regiments
3 - 4 Artillery Regiments
Cavalry and many troops of specialist arms (engineers, signals, railway troops, etc.)

8. live firing practice by tanks took place in the area of Otterschütz. Thirty-six T-34 tanks participated in a moving target practice

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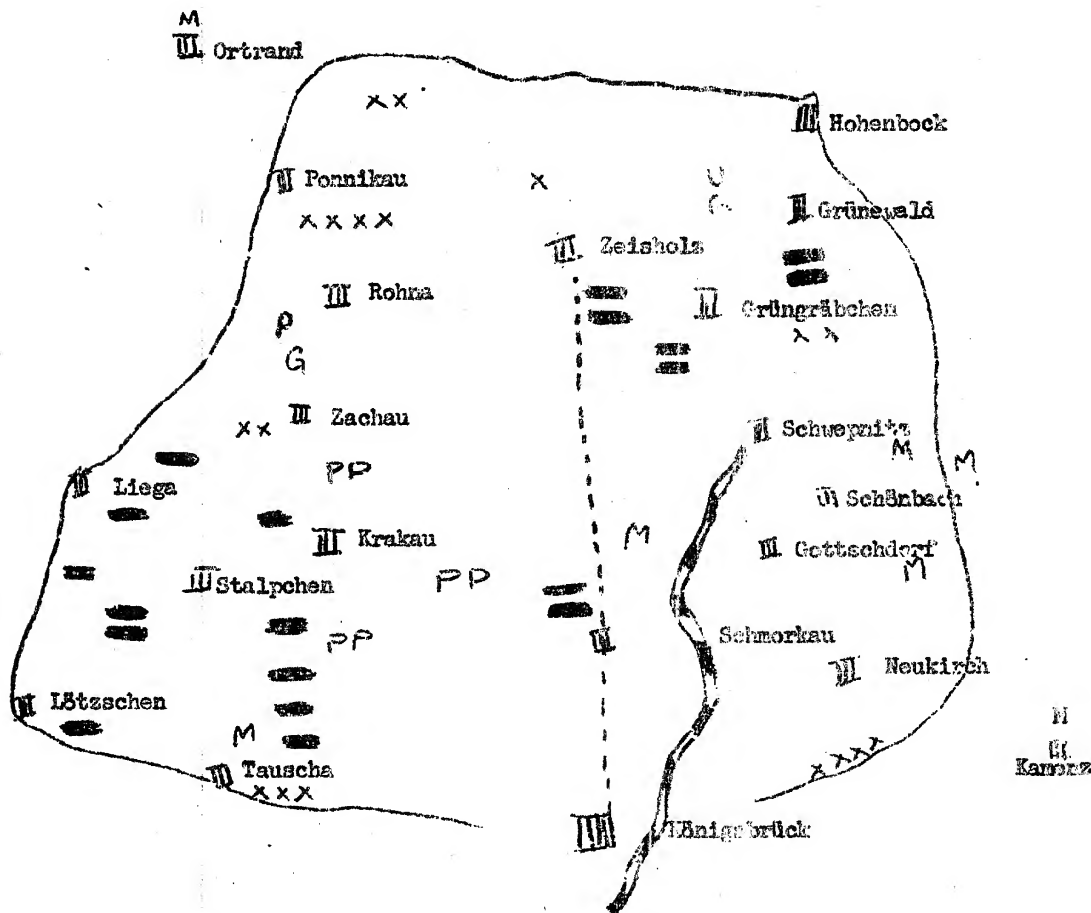
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at a distance of 1200 m. The targets were of correct size, made of "Leinwandpappe", towed out of bunkers and run on rails. The percentage of hits was about 70%.

9. The training was continued [] on the Dürren Heide north of Krakau. Seventy-eight T-34 tanks participated in a similar exercise, the distance being about 1800 m. The percentage of hits was about 50%.

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